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Isolated from Mouse Neural Tube and  
Mouse Embryonic Stem Cells

Declaration by Mahendra S. Rao

I, Mahendra S. Rao hereby declare:

1. I am a co-inventor on the above-referenced patent application with Tahmina Mujtaba and am familiar with the conception and reduction to practice of the claimed invention.

2. I am also a co-inventor of U.S. Patent 6,361,996 filed May 7, 1997 naming Margot Mayer-Proschel and myself as co-inventors. Inventions relating to mouse lineage restricted precursor cells disclosed, but not claimed in the issued patents were derived from my work.

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